

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 16 as shown below

Sub B¹ →
(Once Amended) A network architecture comprising;
a storage system including a plurality of storage devices;
a plurality of host computers, each host computer including at least one agent for transmitting data to and retrieving data from one or more of the plurality of storage devices;
a plurality of clients; and
one or more storage management servers in communication with, at least one agent, the plurality of clients and the plurality of storage devices,
the one or more storage management servers providing information received from an agent and relating to the operation status of the storage devices to at least one of the clients.

Sub B² →
14. (Once Amended) The network architecture of claim 1 wherein each of the one or more storage management servers includes:
a poller for gathering information relating to the operation status of the storage device; and
a central repository for storing information relating to the operation status of said one of the storage devices; and
an object server for distributing the information relating to the operation status of said one of the storage devices to at least one of the clients.

Sub B³ →
16. (Once Amended) A method of managing a storage system including